

HONORS GO TO WILLIAMS

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Easily Eliminates Mahan in Lawn Tennis Singles on Crescent Courts.

Mr. Noe Williams, the American boy who learned his lawn tennis on European courts, struck his stride in his match against Raymond D. Little, the ranking veteran, yesterday in the fifth round of the New York State championship singles on the turf courts of the Crescent Athletic Club at Bay Ridge. The tall youth, who has recently captured the Pennsylvania State and national clay court titles, eliminated the former holder of the New York state honors after two grueling sets at 10-8 and 7-5.

The performance of Williams was the sensation of the day, in which both the singles and doubles were brought level in the semi-final rounds. He displayed splendid fighting qualities along with perfect timing of his shots once he got into action. This was not until Little had led him at 5-1 in games in the first set. As he began to overtake Little the crowd of two thousand spectators went wild with enthusiasm. The brilliantly played return never failed for aplause, for it clearly outlined his veteran opponent.

Of course, the two players from the Pacific Coast, Thomas C. Bundy and Maurice E. McLaughlin, likewise proved centers of attraction. Bundy, in arriving in the semi-final defeated Frederick C. Baggis 6-4, 6-2 without being extended. McLaughlin took the measure of Lyle E. Mahan at 6-4, 6-0 in much the same manner, thereby coupling with his mate from California for the final. The two will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The forceful passing strokes of Walter Merrill Hall also advanced him, as he defeated C. M. Bull, Jr., of the Crescent, at 6-3, 6-5.

McLaughlin and Bundy also performed well in the doubles. The challengers for the national championship met Howard A. Plummer and Bertram S. Prentiss, a combination of Yale and Harvard veterans, defeating them at 4-2, 7-6. The Pacific Coast pair will meet C. Frederick Watson, Jr., and Charles R. Leonard for the final this afternoon, following their singles contest.

The other impressive match in the doubles was that in which Karl H. Behr and Frederick C. Inman disposed of George M. Hodman and W. S. Slade at 6-2, 7-5. The steadiness and resourcefulness of the losing pair caused their opponents considerable trouble. Inman's forehand came to the rescue several times in the last set, earning acclay by silencing cross court shots at critical times.

There was considerable conjecture among the critics as to the showing Williams made against Little. It was the first time in the tournament that the young player had met one of the seasoned veterans and one skilful at all of the manoeuvres of the courts. Williams opened with the service speeding the ball so well that he took the game at love. It was an auspicious beginning. Few of the crowd were surprised, however, when Little then proceeded to run five games off the reel to lead at 5-1. At this stage Little made the most of his service games. He gave the ball an outside twist when playing to Williams's left-hand court, which forced the boy wide of position, allowing Little to pass on the opposite side. Having gradually attained to his speed, Williams began coming up to the net. There he blocked off Little's shots. As the youngster began to outplay Little by cleanly played place shots the crowd cheered him on. Finally, with Little serving in the tenth game, Williams carried it by straight volleys after the points had touched at deuce. It was a run of five straight games for him; the games falling to 6-all.

The next six games followed service. Little came plunging in to the net behind his own service, always trying for volleyed passes. It was a test of Williams's skill. His faultless timing of his shots at this stage proved him to be of the top flight in this country. He picked out the far corners of the court, getting the ball past Little often enough to worry him. Little uncovered his side lines too much on the eighteenth game, as he followed up his service. It was Williams's opportunity, and he flashed the ball through for passes to win the set at 10-8.

Carefully working his half volleys, Little scored the first two games of the second set. He failed to hold the advantage, however, as Williams craftily began to change pace. Then a peculiar change came as Little steamed himself to break down the other's service. From the third to the ninth game each alternately lost his service—a run of seven games. Williams was the first to overcome this, as in the eleventh game he placed so as to make Little take long reaches for his shots, which resulted in Little never getting the ball safely back across the net. Williams likewise forced position in the next game, taking the final point as Little slipped the ball into the net on a difficult return. Throughout the match Williams displayed splendid qualities of courage, and is regarded as a probable finalist when the players compete at Newport later in the month.

The points of the games in sets follow:

| FIRST SET. | | Pts. Gms. |
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| Williams | 4 3 1 2 6 2 4 5 4 5 1 4 1 4 1 6 4 6 2 | 10 |
| Little | 0 5 4 4 5 4 0 4 2 3 0 4 2 4 1 4 4 2 85 | 8 |
| Williams | 1 2 0 4 2 4 2 4 1 4 4 5 4 1 | 7 |
| Little | 1 2 0 4 2 4 2 4 1 4 4 5 3 5 6 | 6 |

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